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Sir:

With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office of an application for patent in the name(s) of:

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entitled:

RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, PLAYBACK APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR

._ The following are enclosed:

- X Specification (62 pages)
- 22 Sheet(s) of Drawings Х
- 15 independent claim(s)) 34 Claim(s) (including _
- This application contains a multiple dependent claim
- X Our check for \$ 1922.00, calculated on the basis of the claims as amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

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- X Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney X New ___ signed X unsigned
 ___ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))
- X Certified copy of each of the following application(s) to substantiate the claim(s) for priority made in the Declaration:

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Enclosed are papers constituting the above patent application which is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 without a signed Declaration. Please accord a filing date and a serial number to such application and inform the undersigned thereof so that a signed Declaration and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) may be duly filed.

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